

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

1. (Previously presented) An aqueous polymer composition comprising:
a copolymer having at least one hydrophilic and at least one hydrophobic ethylenically unsaturated monomer; and
water;
wherein said aqueous polymer composition is a solution or a dispersion having substantially no stabilizing surfactants, and
wherein a film formed from said aqueous polymer composition comprises substantially no crosslinking.
2. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein said hydrophilic monomer is a cationic, anionic, or amphoteric monomer.
3. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 1 wherein said film formed from said polymer composition is insoluble in water.
4. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein said aqueous polymer composition is clear.
5. (Currently amended) A surface-protecting formulation ~~having an aqueous polymer composition comprising:~~
~~a copolymer having at least one hydrophilic monomer and at least one hydrophobic ethylenically unsaturated monomer;~~
~~water the polymer composition of claim 1; and~~
a component selected from the group consisting of fillers, anti-fungal and anti-microbial agents, pigments, perfumes, surfactants, builders, co-builders, anti-oxidants, enzymes, brighteners, dispersants, anti-foaming agents, preservatives, water-softening agents, sunscreen agents and mixtures thereof;
~~wherein said polymer composition is a solution or a dispersion, and~~
~~wherein a film formed from said polymer composition contains substantially no crosslinking.~~

6. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 5 wherein said film formed from said polymer composition is insoluble in water.
7. (Original) The formulation of claim 5 comprising no volatile base.
8. (Original) The formulation of claim 5 further comprising sodium hydroxide.
9. (Previously presented) The formulation of claim 5 wherein said copolymer further comprises an acid functionality.
10. (Original) The formulation of claim 5 wherein said film formed from said copolymer composition is removable using an acid or alkaline cleaning solution.
11. (Previously presented) The formulation of claim 5 wherein said copolymer further comprises a star polymer.
12. (Previously presented) The formulation of claim 5 wherein said aqueous polymer composition is clear.
13. (Original) The formulation of claim 5 wherein said hydrophilic monomer is cationic, anionic or amphoteric.
14. (Original) The formulation of claim 5 comprising from 0.00001 to 40 percent by weight of said aqueous polymer composition, based on the surface-protecting formulation.
15. (Original) The formulation of claim 5 comprising 0.1 to 20 percent by weight of said copolymer on a solids/solids basis.
16. (Original) A process for imparting water resistance to a substrate comprising applying to a substrate the surface-protecting formulation of claim 5.

17. (Currently amended) A coated substrate comprising:
- a substrate;
- a film on at least one surface of said substrate formed from ~~an~~ the aqueous polymer composition, ~~said aqueous polymer composition including a copolymer having at least one hydrophilic monomer and at least one hydrophobic ethylenically unsaturated monomer,~~ ~~wherein said film formed from said polymer composition is insoluble in water once formed, and wherein said film comprises substantially no crosslinking of claim 1.~~
18. (Original) The coated substrate of claim 17 wherein said film is applied to said substrate by spray, brushing, immersion, or flow-through.
19. (Original) The coated substrate of claim 17 wherein said substrate is selected from the group consisting of wood, metal, glass, ceramics, leather, concrete, fabric, textiles, plastics, vinyl, carpet, paper, upholstery, rock, hair and skin.
20. (Original) A process comprising the use of the polymer of claim 1 in an application selected from the group consisting of fabric cleaning, hard surface cleaning, fabric softening, autodish washing, control release, textile processing, oilfield processing, water treatment, metal working, personal care product formulating, fabric protection, and paint formulation.